**RESERVE POLICE OFFICER**

**PILOT PROJECT**

The Reserve Police Officer concept is to utilize the provisions in the California Education and Penal Codes that allows for the use of Reserve Police Officers to augment our District Public Safety Departments with armed and sworn police officers. The Pilot Project would provide the campuses with fully trained and certified police officers using “Reserve” Officers who would be temporary, at-will employees and paid only an hourly rate without any benefits or job rights. The proposed hourly rate would be approximately $40.00. The funding for the project would be researched and addressed in coordination with the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services and the campuses’ Administrative Vice Presidents.

The reserve officers are allowed under the below listed Education and Penal Code Sections. They also comply with the California Commission on Peace Officers Training and Training (POST). This concept and these provisions have been previously reviewed and acknowledged as correct by the Board’s legal counsel. The reserve officers would initially be selected from existing part-time Public Safety Officers who are either current or retired police officers or deputy sheriffs. Others would be selected from police officers working for area colleges and universities.

The plan would be to staff at least one reserve officer for each college during daytime classes and during evening classes Monday – Friday. These reserve officers would be included in many cases in place of another part-time Public Safety Officer. Individuals including current civilian Public Safety Officers who have not previously been a sworn police officer or deputy sheriff will not be included in the program. Only those individuals who have graduated from a police academy and have received the requisite field training will be considered for this program. The concept is to use those individuals who have a significant number of years of law enforcement experience resulting in the knowledge and skills in how to respond to various emergencies or criminal activities. These officers also have extensive experience in dealing with individuals with mental illness issues, uncooperative and even hostile or dangerous people.

This project would serve a number of purposes. First, it would staff the campuses with armed, sworn police officers. Next it would provide a sufficient period of time to explore all aspects relating to the issue of full-time police officers including contract and funding concerns. Lastly, it would allow for periodic review and measurement to determine what modifications may be needed and to determine the level of success of the project. This would be accomplished through a number of methods including the review of calls for service, crime statistics, campus surveys and others.

The idea is to obtain some final feedback from the members of the Security Task Force or if necessary, allow them to discuss it with their constituent groups one last time. The feedback and comments would be captured in a summary report to be taken to the Chancellor’s Cabinet for discussion. Based upon discussions at that forum, a report would be submitted to the Chancellor with recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

References

**California Education Code Section** **72330.**

(a) The governing board of a community college district may establish a community college police department under the supervision of a community college chief of police and, in accordance with Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 88000) of Part 51, may employ personnel as necessary to enforce the law on or near the campus of the community college and on or near other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled, or administered by the community college or by the state acting on behalf of the community college. Each campus of a multi-campus community college district may designate a chief of police.

(b) The governing board of a community college district that establishes a community college police department under subdivision (a) **may also establish a police reserve officer program to supplement that police department.**

California Penal Code Section **830.6.**

(a) (1) Whenever any qualified person is deputized or appointed by the proper authority as… **a reserve officer of a community college police department** under Section 72330, and is assigned specific police functions by that authority, the person **is a peace officer**, if the person qualifies as set forth in Section 832.6. **The authority** of a person designated as a peace officer pursuant to this paragraph extends **only for the duration of the person’s specific assignment.**

California Penal Code Section **832.6.**

(a) Every person deputized or appointed **shall have the powers of a peace officer only when the person is any of the following:**

(1) A level I reserve officer deputized or appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) or subdivision (b) of Section 830.6 and **assigned to the prevention and detection of crime and the general enforcement of the laws of this state.**

**California POST Regulation 1007: Reserve Officer Minimum Training Standards**

(a)**Every Level 1 Reserve Police Officer**shall be trained in conformance with the following requirements:

 (A) **Must be a graduate of the Regular Basic Police Academy or the Reserve Officer Academy.**

(C) All Level I reserve officers shall complete a POST-approved Field Training Program prior working alone in a general law enforcement assignment. The Field Training Program, which shall be delivered over a minimum of 10 weeks (400 hours).